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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6731**

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 279

**NOTE PREPARED:** Jan 1, 2005

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Environmental Permit Applications.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Gard

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** X GENERAL  
DEDICATED  
FEDERAL

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill eliminates: (1) the good character requirements for applications for permits for solid waste and hazardous waste facilities; and (2) the local or regional need demonstration requirement for applications for permits for solid waste facilities.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2005.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** Current statute requires that good character requirements be met before permits to control solid waste, hazardous waste, or atomic radiation may be issued by the Department of Environmental Management (IDEM). This bill exempts permits to control solid and hazardous waste from the good character requirements. The bill also eliminates the requirement that solid waste facility permit applicants demonstrate need for the facility.

For both the good character requirements and the demonstration of need requirements, a permit applicant must submit to IDEM certain information concerning the facility. IDEM would no longer be required to receive and review such information. The Department would also no longer need to conduct any investigations regarding the validity of such information. Eliminating these requirements should enable the Department to save resources related to reviewing the information, such as administrative staff time and investigative staff time.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

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**State Agencies Affected:** IDEM.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:**

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